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Vale: Rev Fr Eugene McGrath.

It was with great sadness that we learned of Father's passing on the 2nd August 2018. Much has been written in the papers of this loving servant of God and Mary. He was an Irishman through and through, hailing from County Kerry in Eire. He was a member of a family who gave many of their children to the service of the Lord in Religious life. 2 of his Sisters, Sr Angela and Sr May (Puis) came to Australia and were Presentation Sisters at Mosman Park. Sr Gemma joined the Presentation Sisters in Listowel, not far from her home in Ireland. 2 other sisters joined other congregations in England. His brother Rev Fr Jim McGrath was a Spiritual Director to our own Frank Duff. We were lucky that Father Eugene had these letters which he gave to us and we, in turn, returned to Concilium in 2015. Christy married and brought up loving children, who were wonderful nieces and nephews to Fr Eugene. He loved them all. Father Eugene had an undying love of the Legion. He was Spiritual Director to Perth Senatus, now Perth Comitium. He travelled monthly from Meredin to attend the meeting. It was only his failing hearing that made him give up this position. When he moved to the Belmont/Redcliffe parish, one of the first things he did was to re establish the Legion. He remained their Spiritual Director until he retired to the Little Sisters of the Poor. Even in retirement Father prayed for and watched over the Legion. Many times I went in and asked his advise and he delighted in attending our retreats and Masses. Ill health and cold weather stopped me from asking him to attend 2018's retreat. He rang and let me know he had not been picked up. The phone call was short and to the point "You forgot me Rosemary" no point in giving him my reasons as he could not understand me on the phone so a note with an explanation was sent. He wrote back and thanked the Legion for their prayers and concern and would like to join us in 2019. Once described to me as a "true Parish Priest" Father will be greatly missed but long remembered

Fr Eugene might we say “the battle of life over – our Legion may reassemble, without the loss of anyone, in the Kingdom of Your love and glory.” Rest in Peace Father Eugene.



A memorial Mass with Rosary and Legion prayers will be held at Notre Dame Church, Wright St Cloverdale Tuesday 11th September. Rosary at 5pm, Mass at 5.30 followed by fellowship. All are welcome to attend. Please invite friends of Fr McGrath to join us.

Allocutio given by Br Tony Pitchford from Allocutios for Legionaries Vol 3

It is sometimes said that we should “pray” rather than “say prayers”

This is an acknowledgment that “saying prayers” can be just a recitation of words without the proper disposition of heart and mind that real prayer requires.

It is always a temptation to reduce our prayer life to a sense of obligation; a task to be done; a chore to be got over with. I have ‘said my prayers’; now I am free to go on with what I want to do.

(The same can be said of Mass attendance; that it is possible to see it purely as an obligation rather than to explore any deeper meaning it might have. One will sometimes hear Catholics say: *I went to the early Mass – to get it over of the way!*

Legion meetings are unique among Catholics are unique among Catholic meetings in that a very high proportion of the meeting is taken up with prayer. In most Catholic meetings the prayer is bundled through fairly quickly and then followed by an hour or two of ‘business’

The rapport we enjoy in Legion meetings may be attributable in part to this extra level of prayer.

There is nothing wrong with ‘say prayers’ as such. We would never want to do away with the Rosary, for example. Or indeed the Mass, which contains a lot of words, which have to be said.

Saying prayers is fine if we are also praying at the same time. We can say the words just as words, or we can mean them in our hearts and minds. We cannot concentrate

on every word that we say, but we can at least be in a prayerful state while the words are being said.

However, it is advantageous that at certain times we pray without words and without time constraint that public communal prayer tends to place on us.

In such times of prayer we have the chance to deepen our contact with Almighty God, to dwell in His presence, to let His Grace work within us, slowly and powerfully.

This is to see prayer as an enjoyable act, lie spending time with one we love, not something we want to rush away from.

Mary is a model for us. Her prayer was always from the heart and enabled her to deal with every situation that arose. May she help us in her Legion to pray with sufficient depth and sincerity, from which many blessings will come.

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Dear Legionaries,

As we enter into the month of September we prepare to celebrate Our Blessed Mother's birthday. In the 48 hours prior to her birthday we encourage you and the members of your Parishes to contribute to the beautiful gift of Rosaries. Please ask and encourage your Parish Priest of advertise this at Mass. We will present the scroll of names at the at 11am at Mass in St Joachim's Church 122 Shepperton Road Victoria Park. We will commence at 10.30 with a meditative Rosary and conclude the celebration with the cutting of the cake and fellowship. Please, in this the 30th Year of this wonderful gift let us gather in great numbers and celebrate the birth of Mary of Nazareth, Mother of the Son of God.

The new flooring has been laid in the kitchen and front offices. It amazed me how much dust and dirt was hidden behind the cupboards. I would like to thank Sr Mignonne Goes, her husband Philip, Sr Judy Woodward and Sr Veronica Zeh for all the hard work they put into moving furniture, lifting carpets and returning and sorting all the things to the offices. It was a big job done with a lot of laughter. Thank you on behalf of the Legion members.

I have heard from Br Michael Palma, our correspondent that he and Sr Sue Hyde would like to be present at our 17th September meeting. I hope that many of you will make an effort to attend the meeting to meet our President and join in a light supper following the meeting. When I have more details of their visit I may be contacting you asking that you make them welcome at your meeting.

We are leading into a busy time. October is our Congress, November is our Annual Mass, December our AGR. Please keep an eye on the calendar for these events.

Once again I thank you for your service to our Blessed Mother.

God bless

Rosemary

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE/JULY

To Jesus through Mary

Name of Praesidium:		Our Lady Queen of Patriarchs	
Location:		228 Berwick Street, Victoria Park	
Meeting Place and Time:		The home of Sr. eggy Knowles, Friday 1pm	
Meeting Number:		3900	
Spiritual Director:	Nil	Secretary:	Sr. Peggy Knowles
President:	Sr. Rosemary Bennett	Treasurer:	Sr. Ann Matthews
Active Membership:	6	Auxiliary Membership:	25
Praetorian:	Nil	Probationary:	Nil
Report from:	June 2016	To:	June 2017
Extension: Personal contact is made to parishioners inviting them to “Come and see” in 2017. This saw one gentleman join us. Shortly after this another gentleman came. Both men have taken their			

promise.

Work undertaken by members:

- Members make contact with the elderly, frail and housebound in the parish.
- At Christmas and Easter time, lased Catholics are visited and seasonal timetables are given out.
- Auxiliaries are visited before the ACIES and the annual mass and thy are invited to attend. If necessary transport is arranged.
- An annual social function is organized for Our Lady's birthday. The priests of the parish and auxiliaries are invited.
- Members man the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre two days a month.
- The funeral Masses of deceased parishioners are attended and condolences visits to the family of Legionaries who are no longer attached to a praesidium.
- We continue to circulate the pilgrim statue of Our Lad of Fatima. At times Our Beloved Mothers spends longer with a family s it is difficult to find a home for her.

Works undertaken other than Legionary work:

- Members are Acolytes, proclaimer of the Word and extraordinary ministers in their parishes.
- One member takes Holy Communion every three months to a nursing home.
- The Praesidium has been represented at the following functions: Annual Mass, Australia Needs Fatima, ACIES, Annual One Day Retreat, 48HourRosar Bouquet for Our Lady's birthday, Senatus Summer School.
- The treasurers book has been audited and all found correct.

Note:

- Since our last report the venue that we had used for our meeting has become unavailable and so we have moved To Sr. eggy Knowles home. When our numbers increase we will need to find another venue. Having the meeting in Sr. Peggy's home allows us to sit and share our weeks bouquets and brick bats and has been very beneficial to the members.
- In July 2017 Sr. Peggy became very ill with a life altering illness and so we have had to adjust the way we undertake our visitations. Our Praesidium only has one driver and she does not live in the parish. We keep in touch with our housebound and elderly by use of the phone. One member rings two housebound parishioners each week and has a long chat with them. Those contacted have really enjoyed the chats and always encourage our members to ring them again. When it is time for any of our functions or Christmas and Easter we send the weeks leading up calling to see many of the Auxiliaries and inviting them to join. Timetables are distributed but where we used to callback several times to meet the lapsed Catholics we now leave the information in the letter box and should we have time left we call back again. Two members make rosaries and rear the Miraculous Medals and Scapulars for Fr. David Watt. Father

keeps these Legionaries very busy.

To Jesus through Mary

Name of Praesidium:		Ark of the Covenant	
Location:		151 Amherst Road, Canning Vale	
Place and Time:		St. Emilie's Church, following the 9am mass Wednesday. Except on the 1 st week of the month during school term, when it is after 8am mass.	
Spiritual Director:	Vacant	Secretary:	Vacant
President:	Sr. Cynthia Gauci	Vice President:	Vacant.
Acting Secretary:	Sr. Cynthia Gauci	Treasurer:	Br. Adolf D'Souza
Active Membership:	3	Auxiliary Membership:	30
Report from:	June 2017	To:	June 2018

Works undertaken during the past year: (legion work only)

1. We have been visiting and taking communion to Joseph Banks nursing home and also distribution ashes on Ash Wednesday.
2. One member is a catechist in the Parish Religious Education Program. We gave out rosaries to the children in the pre-Confirmation class.
3. One member, with the help of some of our auxiliary members and her husband, takes the pilgrim statue around to families, reciting the Rosary with the families and their friends. Rosary leaflets and Miraculous Medals are given out at that time and this member keeps in contact with all auxiliary members.
4. Members transport parishioners to church for mass and to the doctor when needed.
5. Members attend funeral services for parishioners.
6. We also take communion to Howard Solomon nursing home on Sundays and do Communion services on Fridays (at the request of Langford's parish priest.

Other relevant information:

members are actively involved in the parish. i.e. acolytes, eucharistic minister, cleaning church, liturgy committee, counting money after weekend masses. Active and auxiliary members attended the ACIES and the Annual General Reunion. Members attended, arranged and lead the Rosary before all masses in May and October. We have lost some of our members due to ill health.

Plans for the next 12 months:

We plan to try to get new active and auxiliary members during the year.

**Report of Curia of Comitium
To Jesus through Mary**

Council:	Our Lady Assumed into Heaven, Northern District Curia	Meeting Number:	738-742 January – December 2018
President:	Sr. Linda Westwood	Vice President:	Br. Joe Gonsalves
Secretary:	Sr. Pat Nerva	Assistant Secretary:	Sr. Celia Joan Salinas
Treasurer:	S. Helen Tan	Positions Vacant:	6
Meeting Time:	4 th Sat of the month at 10:30am	Place of Meeting:	Venerable Edel Quinn Centre, Windsor Street, Perth
Number of Praesidia:	7	Officers:	28
Active Membership:	43	Auxiliary:	216
Adjutorian:	1	Praetorian:	5

Two praesidia have been visited and we received four praesidia reports.

Events for the months of January to June 2018:

Lake Monger torchlight procession on February 2nd was well attended (about 250) and 8 or 9 priests.

Northern Districts Curia ACIES was held on March 18th at North Beach parish. 50 Legionaries and Auxiliaries attended, including the Sudanese praesidium. Three priests were also in attendance

The one-day retreat on May 26th at Glendalough parish was also well attended. Archbishop Timothy Costelloe was the main speaker. Northern Districts Curia were asked to help set up and clean up afterwards – a good job was done by all.

Extra actives and good works:

Northern Districts Curia are still involved with the on-going Seniors Concert for disabled and visually impaired people every 3rd Sunday of the month, with some members giving transport to the blind and disabled and help in running the concert.

Rosary making is still ongoing – every 2nd Saturday of the month.

Northern Districts Curia members still man the Venerable Edel Quinn Centre every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month and the 5th Tuesday, where applicable.

Plan for this year:

To still continue to encourage all legionaries in recruiting more active and auxiliary members for their respective praesidia and to do more door knocking and evangelization.

To Report in August
Geraldton
Eastern Districts Curia

SPECIALS PRAYERS

Prayers for the Sick:

(For all who have been on previous lists) Fr. Andre Nahhas, Celestine Tay Fernandez, Peggy Knowles, Mary Wilson, Pat Wakeman, Moya Bruce, Fr. Ahearn, Bob Ranford, Bill Hannah, Shirley Tully, Freddie Gomez, Michael Noures and Judy Woodward.

Repose of the Souls:

Colleen Watts, Gwen Van Haltern, Rina Marchetti, Ron Matthews, Maureen Delaney, Mary Lebios and all souls in Purgatory, especially those who dies recently in violence.

Special Intentions:

Nyanen & Joseph Gauci, Megan & Bronagh Duggan, service personnel and families, Michael Heath's parents/reconciliation, thanksgiving for prayer heard for Rosalia's daughter's health recovery, more members for the Legion, all our priests and the Magisterium of the church and for the Plenary Council.

REPORTS

September	October
Fremantle Curia Our Lady Help of Christians EVP	Star of the Sea Busselton

Our Lady's 48hr Rosary Bouquet Mass

St Joachim's Church

1222 Shepperton Road

Victoria Park

Rosary 10.30am

Mass 11am

Please bring a plate to share at fellowship